



3rd ANNUAL NEBRASKA MASTER SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST ENTRY RULES

1. A county must select one individual (either 4-H or FFA) to represent their county at the state event. The county selection process will be left to the county.

Selection Suggestions for counties:

- *If your county conducts a Round Robin Showmanship Event, the winning individual could be the county representative.*
 - *Since this is an on-going event, counties that have both 4-H and FFA programs may consider alternating years between 4-H and FFA representatives at the Master Showmanship Contest. For 2008, it is suggested that counties A-M select a 4-H exhibitor and counties N-Z select a FFA exhibitor.*
2. Exhibitors must be between 14-18 years of age (as of January 1, the year of the show).
 3. The exhibitor must be enrolled in a 4-H or FFA livestock project in the county they will be representing and must exhibit at least one animal in a 4-H or FFA livestock competition at the 2008 Nebraska State Fair.
 4. An exhibitor may participate in the Master Showmanship Contest each year, provided they are selected by their county.
 5. All participants must supply his or her own livestock for the competition. Each exhibitor must own or borrow another 4-H or FFA State Fair animal exhibit for each of the following species: a market steer, market heifer or breeding heifer, a market or breeding lamb, and a market hog. The Master Showmanship Contest will not supply animals for the competition.
 6. All participants in the state event will receive a t-shirt and a cash award.
 7. State winners of each beef, swine, and sheep division will receive a scholarship award. The top three state overall winners will receive a scholarship. Additional prizes will be awarded at the state contest.
 8. Contestants must follow 4-H grooming regulations while participating in the Master Showmanship Contest.

9. To participate in the state contest, the exhibitor must have all entry cards and paperwork filled out correctly with the appropriate information. The contest organizer must receive this information prior to the event. Entries must be received by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture by August 15, 2008. Entries may enter by county name if their county representative will not be selected until after August 15. All participant names must be entered with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture by August 22, 2008.
10. Due to timing and scheduling constraints, no special accommodations can be made to allow an exhibitor to participate in simultaneous events. If the exhibitor is not present at the beginning of the state contest, then he or she will automatically be disqualified from the competition. Counties may chose to select an alternate in the event of such a scheduling conflict (see above entry rules).
11. Contest organizers withhold the right to expel any individual who has violated any of the rules or regulations, or exhibits improper conduct that is unbecoming of a 4-H or FFA member. Contest organizers will follow the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics.
12. In the event of a state contest cancellation, contest organizers are not liable for any lost revenues; expenses incurred or schedule inconvenience and are not bound to issue any awards or prizes.

To register a participant, please e-mail Christin Kamm with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture at christin.kamm@nebraska.gov with the following information (see Rule 9 above):

1. Participant's County.
2. Participant's name, and contact information (including mailing address, phone number and email address if applicable).
3. Participant's age, as of January 1, 2008.
4. 4-H Extension or FFA Advisor Contact information (including mailing address and email address).
5. Specie(s) that participant will be exhibiting at the 2008 Nebraska State Fair (see Rule 3 above).